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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/522,900	Applicant(s) MURASE, TAICHI	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the descriptions or expression of the programs, such as recited in claim 5 “a program for causing a computer to execute: . . .”, are not physical “things”. They are neither computer components nor statutory processes, as they are not “acts” being performed. Such claimed computer program does not define any structural and functional interrelationships between the computer program and other claimed elements of the computer that permit the computer program’s functionality to be realized.

In view of the above, it is noted that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. **Data structures not claimed as embodied in computer-readable media** are descriptive material *per se* and not statutory because they are not capable of causing functional change in the computer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, it is unclear how “each finger” recited in lines 5, 9, 10, 14 and 16 related to “each finger” recited in line 3? If they are the same “finger”, please change “each finger” recited in lines 5, 9, 10, 14 and 16 to - - said each finger - -.

Regarding claim 1, it is unclear how “RAKE combining” recited in line 17 related to “RAKE combining” recited in line 8? If they are the same “RAKE combining”, please change “RAKE combining” recited in line 17 to - - said RAKE combining - -.

Regarding claim 2, it is unclear how “each finger” recited in lines 8 and 10 of claim 2 related to “each finger” recited in line 3 of claim 1? If they are the same “finger”, please change “each finger” recited in lines 8 and 10 of claim 2 to - - said each finger - -.

Regarding claim 2, it is unclear how “RAKE combining” recited in line 11 of claim 2 related to “RAKE combining” recited in line 8 of claim 1? If they are the same “RAKE combining”, please change “RAKE combining” recited in line 11 of claim 2 to - - said RAKE combining - -.

Regarding claim 3, it is unclear how “each finger” recited in lines 8, 11 and 12 of claim 3 related to “each finger” recited in line 3 of claim 1? If they are the same “finger”, please change “each finger” recited in lines 8, 11 and 12 of claim 3 to - - said each finger - -.

Regarding claim 4, it is unclear how “each finger” recited in lines 3, 6, 7, 10 and 12 related to “each finger” recited in line 2? If they are the same “finger”, please change “each finger” recited in lines 3, 6, 7, 10 and 12 to - - said each finger - -.

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Regarding claim 4, it is unclear how "RAKE combining" recited in line 13 related to "RAKE combining" recited in line 5? If they are the same "RAKE combining", please change "RAKE combining" recited in line 13 to - - said RAKE combining - -.

Regarding claim 5, it is unclear how "each finger" recited in lines 5, 7, 8, 12 and 14 related to "each finger" recited in line 2? If they are the same "finger", please change "each finger" recited in lines 5, 7, 8, 12 and 14 to - - said each finger - -.

Regarding claim 5, it is unclear how "RAKE combining" recited in line 15 related to "RAKE combining" recited in line 6? If they are the same "RAKE combining", please change "RAKE combining" recited in line 15 to - - said RAKE combining - -.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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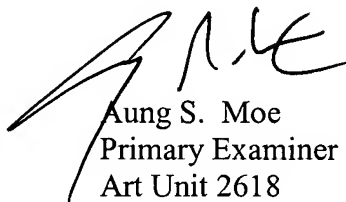
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aung S. Moe whose telephone number is 571-272-7314. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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